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ACTION REQUIRED Re: Traces of Vladimir PEKELSKY and wife.			

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1. Herewith are pages 27-31 of [] report on his contacts with Czechs in Geneva during May-June 1959. This chapter deals with Lubomir VANECEK, a promising contact who is the CIK correspondent in Paris.

2. VANECEK provided some interesting data on other CIK personnel and also on Vladimir and Maria Theresia PEKELSKY who are right wing reactionary emigres. An ironic situation developed at the Maison de la Presse in which VANECEK the Communist was almost in the position of protecting [] from an extreme type of anti-Communist. VANECEK also provides an interesting view of the subservient position of the Czech journalists vis a vis the Soviets at this Conference.

3. It is [] opinion that of all the contacts [] cultivated during the Conference: KOUDEJKA, SCHIRMER, SCHULZ, FAIX, MEISNER, SETLIK, HODGMAN AND VANECEK, the latter is the one with the most operational promise.

4. There is no need to translate this document for the Field.

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I also talked with Vanecek about the Czech Embassy in Paris, but he could tell me nothing of interest. I do not know the people there that he knows, and the Embassy has a new staff. I intentionally did not ask too much so that I would not arouse fear or suspicion, because I believe that my contact with him can be built up. I must first win his confidence. Vanecek would like to stay in contact with me, and he repeatedly asked me to telephone him if I came to Paris because he would like to meet with me. He also said that he would travel via Geneva on his next trip to Prague, and meet me here. He even offered to carry some small things for me if I wanted to send something to persons in Prague, chocolate, tobacco, etc. He said that he would bring me some tinned delicacies from Prague and would be glad to bring other things that I might like such as books or photograph records.

Vanecek also informed me that Vladimir PEKELSKI and his wife were interested in me. (The paragraph marked with green brackets is the same as the information attached to RUSA 2810). The PEKELSKIs came to Geneva as journalists and tried to make contacts with the Czech journalists. The Czech journalists actually talked with them, but only, as Vanecek said, in order to learn something about Paskalsky and his current activity. Vanecek said openly that the Czech journalists knew that Paskalsky works for German intelligence. Vanecek said that the Paskalsky couple asked him about me and "know all about me" - that I changed my name, as in Geneva and work for _____, and that they were surprised to see me talking with Czech journalists. They also wanted Vanecek to introduce me to them. Vanecek declined and told them that "insofar as he knew, I wanted nothing to do with the emigration and exile politics". I did not know the Paskalskys, and it was Vanecek who pointed them out to me. My position that I wanted nothing to do with emigration and exile politics, which I had actually said during earlier talks with Czech journalists, made a good impression on them, especially Vanecek, and the latter told me so. I was not introduced to the Paskalskys, did not speak with them, and did not go to the table or the

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Czech journalists when they were present. In general, the Czech journalists spoke of Pankrsky as a "politically dead and buried person" and found him completely unimportant and uninteresting. When I asked them why they talked with the Pankrskys, and why they would not get into trouble about it, Evstoslav Paix (Radio Prag) said:

They can't hurt anyone because nobody takes them seriously or is concerned about them and their bloody activity. And it's interesting to talk to them in order to see how much a person can change in order to stay alive. And since they make their living by talking with us, why shouldn't we make it easier for them. At any rate, we only talk nonsense with them, and they won't learn anything from us or get anything out of us. I myself told them various stupid things so that they would have something to report. They can continue to live only with the help of God, Adenauer and Gehlen.

(Comment: Mrs. Pankrskova came to me on the day before his departure. See my special report on this.)

The Czech Journalists and the Soviets

I often asked the Czech journalists about the Soviet standpoint on the course of the conference and they assured me that they were invited to the Soviet briefings. I then arranged with Vanecek that the two of us would trade ^(exchange) information about the conference. I would tell him the views of the western, about all the West German delegation, and he would tell me the Russian views. He also promised to call my attention to new ideas put forth by the Soviets in their briefings. But he said: "Don't think that they will tell us everything or too much. I am convinced that you learn from more about the conference from the western delegation than we do from the Russians." The only thing which the Soviets expressly called to the attention of the communist journalists was: "the communist journalists shall not be influenced by the pessimistic view of the conference work taken by the West and should report optimistically along this line: the conference is important, it will not remain unsuccessful, it will lead to a positive result, the summit conference will definitely take place."